

## STOP CANCER AT THE DOOR:

# What every firefighter needs to know...

#### FIREFIGHTERS HAVE A HIGHER RISK of contracting



types of cancer than the general U.S. population.

Synthetic building materials used in modern structures, including furniture and paint,

RELEASE CARCINOGE





### **WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY** TO SAVE LIVES!

Cancer is a leading threat ALL to firefighters.

Carcinogenic PAHs can be absorbed through firefighters' skin during firefighting operations.\*





Since 2002, the IAFF has attributed more than 60% of its firefighter LODDs

MORE THAN ANY OTHER CAUSE

# FIVE THINGS YOU CAN





Wear your SCBA

from the fire

attack through

overhaul to limit

inhalation of

carcinogens.











contaminated gear out of your station's living and sleeping quarters. Also, don't take contaminated gear home.





Make sure your gear is cleaned and inspected regularly by a verified ISP.





all fire calls.

\*Rates of absorption vary for each type of chemical, Source: Fent, et.al, (2014) "Systemic Exposure to PAHs and Benzene in Firefighters Suppressing Controlled Structure Fires."



